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## Dear Friend,

I hope you and your family are well and that your March Madness brackets are still (somewhat) intact! While UNC unfortunately didn't qualify for this year's NCAA Tournament and NC State lost to Creighton, the Duke Blue Devils did win on Thursday evening.

The House was in recess this week, but I joined my colleagues on the Committee on Homeland Security in heading back to the southern border to assess the crisis and hold the Committee's first field hearing in McAllen, TX. Next week, I'll be returning to DC and will bring you updates via social media and this newsletter.

## Open Border Madness

This week, the entire Homeland Security Committee, including the Democrat members, were set to head down to McAllen, TX, for a field hearing. But at the last minute, every single Democrat pulled out of the hearing. Unfortunately, the Democrats don't want to leave their DC bubble to witness the devastating impact of their open borders policies. This isn't the first border hearing the Democrats have refused to participate in, and I'm sure it won't be the last.

Before the hearing, we joined the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to see their operations and hard work to protect the border. We're grateful for the hardworking men and women of Texas DPS for stepping up to try and fill the void left by the Biden administration.



During the field hearing, we laid out the truth for all to see – President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas are responsible for the border crisis.

Biden's handpicked border chief admitted under oath that he disagrees with halting border wall construction, that DHS does not have operational control of the border,

and that the number of illegal alien “gotaways” has dramatically increased under this administration.

Most shockingly, Chief Ortiz admitted to me that Biden and Mayorkas’ policies are directly responsible for the border crisis. After two years of obfuscation, we finally have the truth.

**TWEET: [Our border crisis is the direct result of disastrous policy from Biden and Mayorkas. It's not random. It's not seasonal. It's not because of covid. It's a deliberate policy decision.](#)**

I joined Todd Starnes to discuss the hearing and more:



## **Silicon Valley Bank: Dems Want To Censor Bank "Misinformation"**

Silicon Valley Bank’s disastrous collapse roiled financial markets and prompted plenty of lousy policy suggestions from the left. My office is monitoring the situation closely, and we appreciate those of you who have called to share your concerns with the Biden administration’s response.

In a not-so-shocking twist, Democrats are using the current situation to call for more censorship. The FDIC, Treasury Department, and Federal Reserve held a call to brief lawmakers on the situation. I heard Senator Mark Kelly of Arizona ask about what the government would do to prevent the spread of “misinformation.” My friend Rep. Thomas Massie tweeted about this [publicly](#), and I later confirmed the account with the journalist Michael Shellenberger, who has ruthlessly chronicled government censorship.

**READ: [Senator Mark Kelly Called For Social Media Censorship To Prevent Bank Runs. Democrats are demanding ever-more censorship in a widening social media panic.](#)**



This is shameful, and we should never tolerate calls for censorship of lawful speech. The truth hurts Democrats – and they continue to panic whenever it gets out.

## **The Week in Weaponized Government: “Human Intelligence,” Misinformation, and the Power of the Purse**

Recent reporting from *POLITICO* revealed that the Department of Homeland Security is running a shady and abusive collection program called the “Overt Human Intelligence Collection Program.”

**READ: [DHS has a program gathering domestic intelligence — and virtually no one knows about it](#)**

There’s no reason for DHS to be collecting intelligence on American citizens. Even the people working on the program believe it to be illegal. I’m investigating this unacceptable and unAmerican program with my fellow subcommittee chair Rep. Pfluger and Chairman Mark Green.

**TWEET: [Read our full investigative demands.](#)**

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# House GOP launches investigation into DHS’ domestic intelligence gathering

The probe comes after POLITICO reported last week that, under the Department of Homeland Security program, officials are collecting information by questioning people within the U.S.

When a bureaucrat says they want to “combat misinformation,” it means they want to censor speech and attack the First Amendment. We’ve seen some stunning examples of this recently, including two government-funded groups blacklisting conservative-leaning websites and trying to shut them down permanently. My colleagues and I are demanding answers from Secretary Blinken on why the State Department funded these censorship groups.

**READ: [12 Republicans press State Department over grants to Global Disinformation Index](#)**

Ultimately, our best tool in the fight to dismantle weaponized government is the power of the purse. The House controls the federal budget – and there are a litany of weaponized programs we will fight to defund.

**READ: [“The focus of what we do in terms of immediate cuts should be reducing the weaponization of government.”](#)**

### **In Case You Missed It:**

Last Friday, I joined the Timcast IRL stream with Tim Pool, Matt Gaetz, and Steve Bannon.

Rep. Gaetz and I went to review the January 6th Committee documents and footage ourselves, and what we found was quite interesting. I’m looking forward to the video being released to the public.




We also spoke about our ongoing efforts to fight against the weaponization of the federal government, including some of the most egregious examples of FBI overreach.

**Rep. Dan Bishop** ✓

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 In addition to the Whitmer plot, the FBI tried to concoct an assassination plot against then-Governor Northam.

Our weaponized federal government is a cross-partisan issue.  
[@RepMattGaetz](#) , Steve Bannon & I detail the coalition we need to build to stop it.



**Dan Bishop Details FBI Entrapment Schemes**

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